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## General Comment

I understand that the Chesapeake Bay needs your help. For more than 25 years, it seems, scientists have documented the damaging levels of pollution that drain into Bay rivers and streams, leaving many waters unfit for swimming or fishing and depleting once abundant shellfish populations.

The draft Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) may be a strong step in the right direction. It sets clear pollution limits, deadlines and consequences for failure that would hopefully ensure that the job gets done. It may allow states the flexibility to determine how best to achieve results, tap market efficiencies to save businesses and taxpayers money, and to provide support and guidance to states and localities to help them make on-the-ground progress.

I urge you to finalize a strong, accountable final TMDL, and to continue working with the states to ensure that their plans will deliver much-needed results.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Best regards,